

SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, June 4, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. President Don Campbell presiding. Roll called. Quorum present. Prayer by the chaplain. Journal of yesterday read, corrected and approved.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Priest, a joint resolution in relation to the public lands and railroads.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Flanagan, a bill for promoting the introduction of immigrants from Europe into the State of Texas by the Mediterranean and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Immigration.

By Senator Saylor, "An Act to incorporate the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Hertzberg, "An Act to incorporate the San Antonio Shooting Company."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

GENERAL FILE.

Senate bill No. 69, to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the Kaufman County Bridge Company." Read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senator Ruby moved a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended and the bill put on third reading and final passage.

Yeas and nays taken, which resulted as follows:

Yeas—Baker, Bell, Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Dohoney, Evans, Flanagan, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Latimer, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Pickett, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor, Shannon—26.

Absent—Messrs. Alford and Douglas.

Bill passed.

Senate bill No. 14, "An Act to incorporate the Jefferson, Marshall and Big Cypress Bayou Bridge Company."

Read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, rules suspended and the bill put on third reading and final passage.

Yeas and nays called for.

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bell, Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Dohoney, Evans, Flanagan, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Latimer, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Pickett, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor, Shannon—26.

Absent—Messrs. Alford and Douglas.

On motion of Senator Baker the rules were suspended to take up Senate bill No. 5, "A Bill to authorize Vaughan Saffold and others to construct a bridge across the Guadalupe river, at or near the town of Seguin, Guadalupe county, Texas."

Read second time and passed to engrossment as amended.

Senator Baker moved suspension of rules, and that the bill be put on its third reading and final passage.

Rules suspended.

Bill read third time.

Yeas and nays taken on final passage resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Alford, Baker, Bell, Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Dohoney, Evans, Flanagan, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Latimer, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Pickett, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor, Shannon—27

Absent—Douglas.

Bill passed.

On motion of Senator Baker the rules were suspended to take up Senate bill No. 3, "A Bill to authorize Harwood, Belding and Mason to construct a bridge across the Guadalupe river, at or near the town of Gonzales, in Gonzales county, Texas."

Read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Baker the rules were suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage.

Yeas and nays taken on final passage. Result as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Alford, Baker, Bell, Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Dohoney, Evans, Flanagan, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Latimer, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Pickett, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor, Shannon—27.

Absent—Douglas.

Bill passed.

By leave, Senator Bowers presented a petition of Abel Sanders and others, for relief.

Read and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of special order, Senate Bill No. 55, "An Act to organize and define the powers of

the criminal district court in and for the counties of Galveston and Harris, and to prescribe the duties thereof," and report of committee with amendments.

Senator Ruby moved adoption of the report of the committee.

Report adopted.

Bill as amended read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senator Ruby moved further suspension of rules to put the bill on third reading.

Rules suspended.

Senator Ruby moved that the bill be printed and made special order for Monday at 11 A. M. Carried.

Message from the House by chief clerk: Senate Bill No. 74, "An Act to appropriate fifteen thousand dollars for the payment of contingent expenses of the 12th Legislature, with amendments, and ask the concurrence of the Senate in the amendments.

On motion of Senator Latimer the rules were suspended to take from file the reports of the Committee on Elections, as to the eligibility of Hon. H. R. Latimer to a seat in the Senate.

Majority and minority reports read.

Senator Fountain moved the indefinite postponement of the whole matter. Carried.

On motion of Senator Fountain the rules were suspended to take from file House Bill No. 88; and, on further motion, it was made the special order for next Tuesday, at half-past ten o'clock A. M.

On motion of Senator Ruby the rules were suspended to take from file Senate Bill No. 51; and, on further motion, it was made the special order for Wednesday, at eleven A. M.

Senator Flanagan moved a reconsideration of the vote upon indefinite postponement of the consideration of the case of H. R. Latimer, and to lay the motion to reconsider upon the table. Carried.

Senator Bowers moved a suspension of the rules to take up Senate Bill No. 155, "An Act to provide for districting the State of Texas into judicial districts."

Rules suspended and the bill taken up for amendment by sections.

Senator Bowers moved to amend by striking out the words "thirty-four," in line No. two, section one, and inserting the words "twenty-four."

Message from the Governor by the hand of his private secretary:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

Austin, May 23, 1870.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives

of the State of Texas:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to inform you that an act making an appropriation for the mileage and per diem pay of members and

employes of the present Legislature, received May 13, 1870. Concurrent resolution instructing the Comptroller to audit mileage accounts in accordance therewith, received May 13, 1870.

Joint resolution to authorize officers elect to act under existing laws until further legislation, received May 23, 1870.

Were all approved on the dates mentioned above.

Respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS,

Governor.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

Austin, June 1, 1870.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives

of the State of Texas :

GENTLEMEN : I have the honor to inform you that House Joint Resolution No. 3, received May 24, 1870 ; House Joint Resolution No. 4, received May 24, 1870 ; House Joint Resolution No. 1, received May 27, 1870, were all approved on the dates mentioned above.

Respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS,

Governor.

Senator Cole moved to adjourn. Lost.

Senator Parsons moved to adjourn. Lost.

On motion of Senator Priest the subject under consideration was made the special order for Monday, at twelve o'clock, and the Senate adjourned to Monday.